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SUBJECT: VISITS OF IRANIAN EXPERTS TO U.S. UNDER AUSPICES OF
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND EDUCATION OF US/
IRAN JOINT COMMISSION

REFS: A) STATE 34222, B) TEHRAN 5398, C) STATE 146432,
D) STATE 151641, E) STATE 158603

1. EMBASSY GREATLY APPRECIATES RECEIVING VISIT PROPOSALS SENT
IN REFTELS C, D, AND E AND COMMENDS NSF ON THOROUGHNESS OF ITS
PRESENTATION. INFO IN REFTEL C WAS HAND-CARRIED TO DR. PARSA
DAY AFTER RECEIPT AND THAT IN REFTELS D AND E WAS DELIVERED TO
PARSA'S DEPUTY, DR. JALALI, YESTERDAY. (PARSA ON 10-DAY VISIT TO
USSR IN CONNECTION WITH SCIENCE EXCHANGE.)

2. AS MENTIONED IN AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO DR. STEVER OF 25 JUNE
1975, PARSA SOMEWHAT TAKEN ABACK BY USG AGENCY COSTS FOR OCEANO-
GRAPHY GROUP OF QUOTE APPROXIMATELY \$10,000 FOR PLANNING, BRIEF-
ING, DEBRIEFING, AND MANAGEMENT UNQUOTE AND DID NOT KNOW WHERE
HE WAS GOING TO FIND FUNDS TO COVER.

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3. JALALI OBVIOUSLY NOT CONVERSANT WITH BACKGROUND OF PRO-

POSED VISITS AND ACCEPTED NSF PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN REFTELS D AND E SAYING ONLY THAT HE WOULD TURN THEM OVER TO PARSA ON LATTER'S RETURN TO TEHRAN JULY 16.

4. EMBASSY HAS NO INFO ON MAKEUP OF TEAMS AND WILL NOT HAVE UNTIL GOI DECIDES WHETHER IT IS GOING TO ABSORB VERY SUBSTANTIAL FRONT END COSTS BEING CHARGED BY NSF FOR ADMINISTERING TEAM VISITS. MINISTER ANSARY HAS QUESTIONED APPROPRIATENESS OF SUCH CHARGES IN PRINCIPLE, AND GOI IS NOT LIKELY TO ACCEPT THEM UNLESS NSF EXPLAINS (1) HOW THEY ARE ARRIVED AT AND (2) PROVIDES INFO ON STATUTORY OR OTHER BASIS FOR NECESSITY THAT NSF RECOVER THEM. TRUST NSF CAN PROVIDE THIS AMMUNITION TO EMBASSY AT EARLY DATE. OTHERWISE, LITTLE PROSPECT OF COMMITTEE PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD.

5. EMBASSY NOTES THAT REFTEL A, PART II, EDUCATION, PARA 4 CALLS FOR TEAM OF IRANIAN EDUCATIONAL EXPERTS TO BE SENT TO UNITED STATES TO STUDY ADVANCES RECENTLY MADE IN THE METHODS OF TEACHING COURSES IN APPLIED AND NATURAL SCIENCES. REFTEL B ALSO REQUESTED PROPOSAL FOR VISIT OF SUCH A TEAM. EMBASSY REALIZES THIS IS NOT NSF'S BAG BUT HOPES APPROPRIATE OFFICE IN HEW WILL RESPOND TO IT.
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